

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

**Form 14. Motion for Extension of Time**

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**9th Cir. Case Number(s)** 22-15514, 22-16349

**Case Name** U.S. v. Matusko

**Requesting Party Name(s)** United States

I am:  The party requesting the extension.  
 Counsel for the party or parties requesting the extension.

I request an extension of time to file a:

Brief (*you must also complete the Declaration on page 3*)  
 Motion to proceed in forma pauperis  
 Motion for a certificate of appealability  
 Response/opposition to a pending motion  
 Reply to a response/opposition to a pending motion  
 Certified Administrative Record  
 Response to court order dated   
 Other (*you must describe the document*)

The requested new due date is:

I request the extension of time because (**cannot be left blank**):

(*attach additional pages if necessary*)

The opening brief was filed 11/9/2022. I wrote the answering brief in U.S. v. McCloud, No. 21-16264, filed on 11/18/22 on an expedited schedule. I am working on the reply brief in U.S. v. Valdivias-Soto, No. 20-10415, which is due 1/3/23. I am assigned to brief U.S. v. Chen, Nos. 22-10184, 22-10220, presently due 2/2/23. This appeal is one of four related ones, the opening brief for the last one of which is scheduled to be filed 12/22/22. I was on leave 11/25/22 and will be on leave 12/25-30/22.

**Signature**

**Date**

(*use "s/[typed name]" to sign electronically-filed documents*)

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**Recitals in criminal and immigration cases pursuant to Circuit Rule 27-8**

*Complete this section for criminal or immigration cases.*

Previous requests for extension of time to file the document, including any request for a Streamlined Extension of Time under Circuit Rule 31-2.2(a) (*select one*):

- I have **NOT** filed a previous request to extend time to file the document.
- I have previously requested an extension of time to file the document.

This motion is my  request.

*(Examples: first, second)*

Bail/detention status (*select one*):

- The defendant is incarcerated. The projected release date is: .
- The petitioner is detained.
- The defendant/petitioner in this criminal/immigration case is at liberty.

**Signature**  **Date**

*(use "s/[typed name]" to sign electronically-filed documents)*

**Declaration in support of extension to file brief under Circuit Rule 31-2.2(b)**

*Complete this section if you are requesting an extension of time to file a brief.*

1. I request an extension of time to file the  answering brief.

*(Examples: opening, answering, reply, first cross-appeal)*

2. The brief's current due date is:  12/9/2022

3. The brief's first due date was:  12/9/2022

4. A more detailed explanation of why the extension of time to file the brief is necessary: *(Under Circuit Rule 31-2.2(b), a request for extension of time to file a brief must be "supported by a showing of diligence and substantial need" and a conclusory statement as to the press of business does not constitute such a showing. Attach additional pages if necessary.)*

I have multiple work assignments due around the same time, and holiday leave scheduled. In addition, this appeal is one of four related appeals, and the opening brief in the last one is scheduled to be filed 12/22/2022.

5. The position of the other party/parties regarding this request is:

Unopposed.

Opposed by *(name of party/parties opposing this motion)*:

Unknown. I am unable to verify the position of the other party/parties because:

I emailed opposing counsel but have not yet heard back. From earlier conversations, I would not expect opposition to this request.

6.  The court reporter is not in default with regard to any designated transcripts.

If the court reporter is in default, please explain:

7.  I have exercised diligence and I will file the brief within the time requested.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

**Signature**

s/Merry Jean Chan

**Date**

12/2/2022

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